

Extraskeletal Myxoid Chondrosarcoma

“An indolent, but resilient and capricious tumor”

*Saleh G, Evans HL, Ro JY, Ayala,
Cancer 1992*



Nothing to disclose

Extraskkeletal myxoid chondrosarcoma

First described by Stout and Verner¹⁹⁵³ as “chondrosarcoma of the extraskkeletal soft tissues”

Named “extraskkeletal myxoid chondrosarcoma” by Enzinger and Shiraki¹⁹⁷²

aka “chordoid sarcoma” or member of the “tenosynovial sarcoma family”, together with synovial sarcoma, epithelioid sarcoma, clear cell sarcoma)

Epidemiology

Rare tumor (<3% of soft tissue sarcomas).

Middle aged/older adults (median age 57y), rare in children and adolescents.

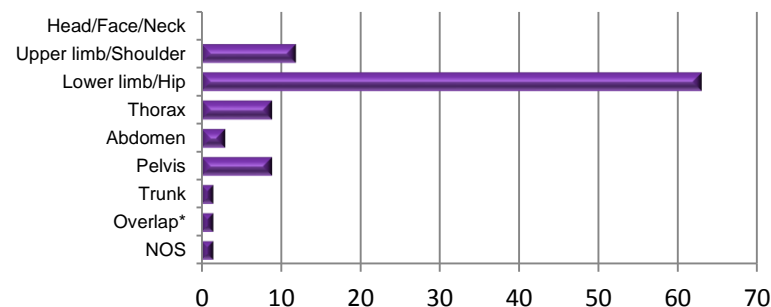
Predilection for male patients (male-to-female ratio 2:1).

Clinical features

Limb and limb girdles

Usually painless

About 13% of pts present with metastases



Pathologic features

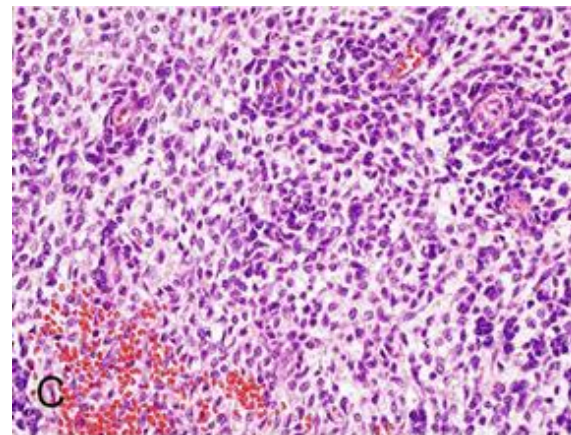
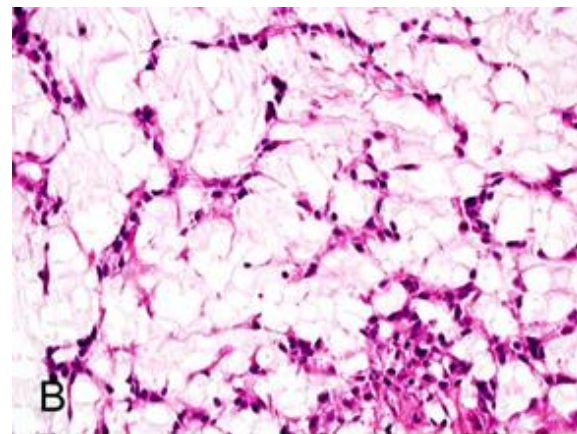
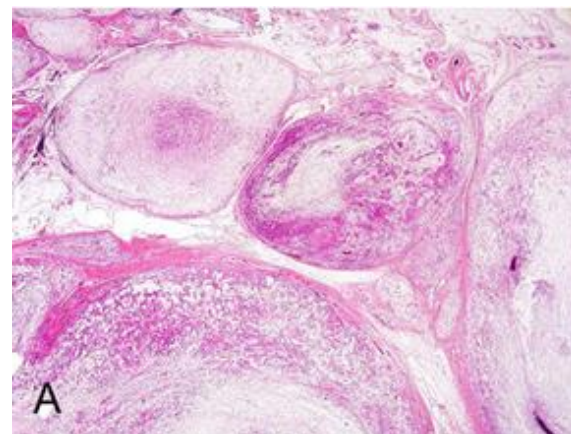
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- abundant myxoid matrix (Fig B)
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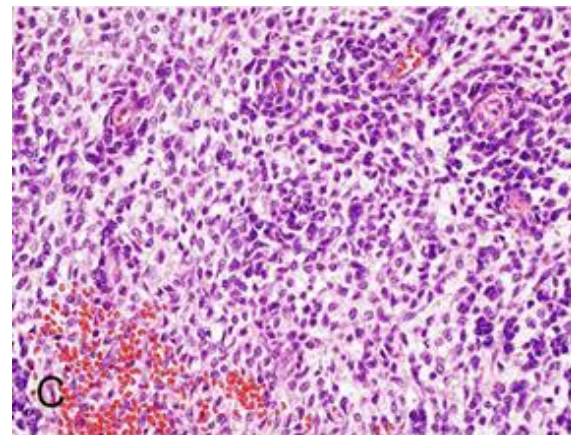
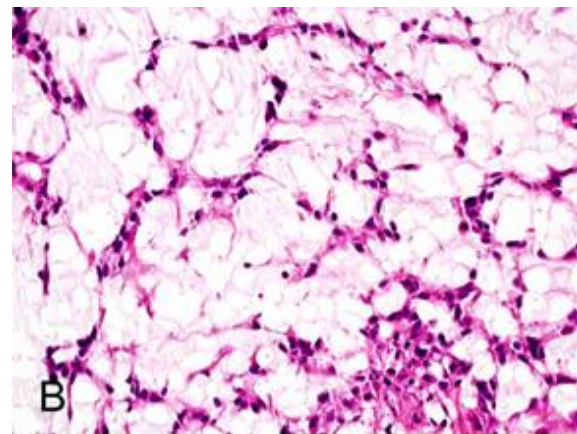
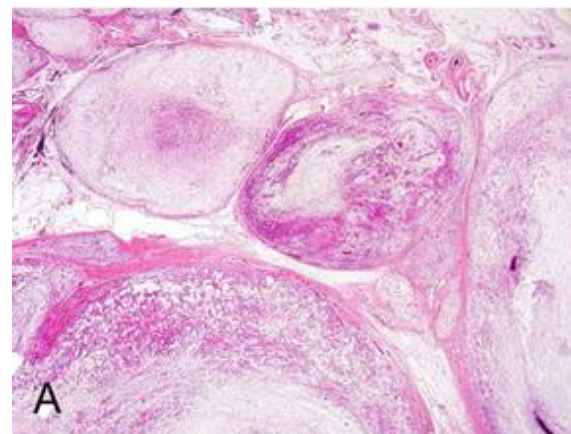
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- NO CLEAR EVIDENCE OF CARTILAGINEOUS DIFFERENTIATION**

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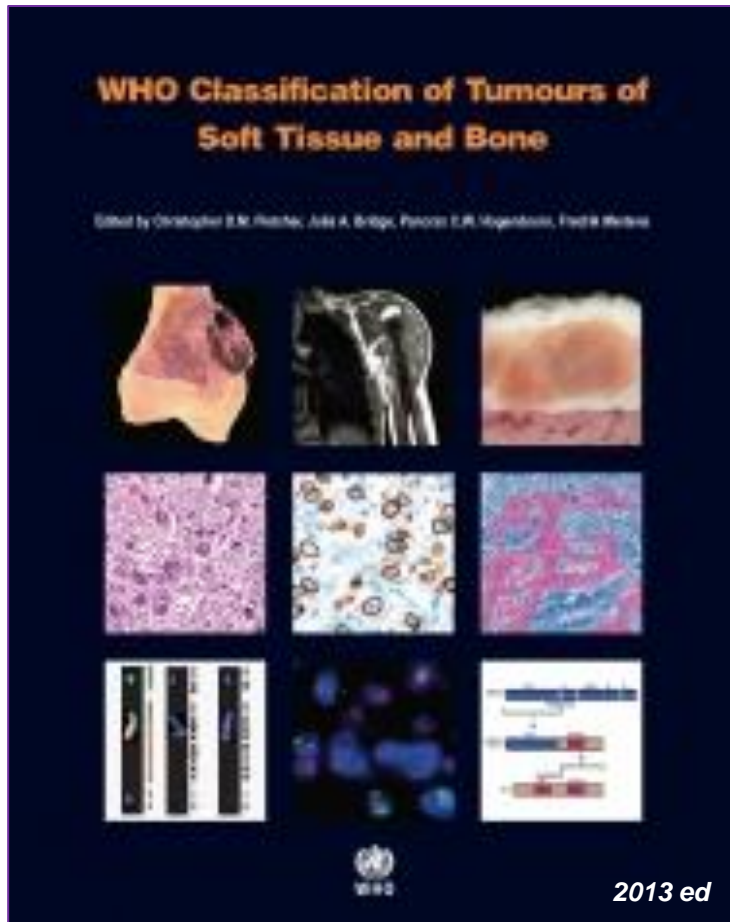
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Tumours of uncertain differentiation

Acral fibromyxoma
 Intramuscular myxoma
 Juxta-articular myxoma
 Deep ("aggressive") angiomyxoma
 Pleomorphic hyalinizing angiectatic tumour of soft parts
 Ectopic hamartomatous thymoma
 Atypical fibroxanthoma
 Angiomatoid fibrous histiocyoma
 Ossifying fibromyxoid tumour
 Myoepithelioma/myoepithelial carcinoma/mixed tumour
 Haemosiderotic fibrolipomatous tumour
 Phosphaturic mesenchymal tumour
 Synovial sarcoma
 Epithelioid sarcoma
 Alveolar soft part sarcoma
 Clear cell sarcoma of soft tissue
 → **Extraskelatal myxoid chondrosarcoma**
 Malignant mesenchymoma
 Desmoplastic small round cell tumour
 Extrarenal rhabdoid tumour
 PEComa
 Intimal sarcoma

Chondrogenic tumours

Osteochondroma
 Chondromas: enchondroma, periosteal chondroma
 Chondromyxoid fibroma
 Osteochondromyxoma
 Subungual exostosis and bizarre parosteal
 osteochondromatous proliferation
 Synovial chondromatosis
 Chondroblastoma
 Chondrosarcoma (grades I–III) *[including primary and secondary variants and periosteal chondrosarcoma]*
 Dedifferentiated chondrosarcoma
 Mesenchymal chondrosarcoma
 Clear cell chondrosarcoma



Extraskeletal myxoid chondrosarcoma

Genetics

Simple karyotype sarcoma characterized by a balanced chromosomal translocation

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rarer	t(9;15)(q22;q21)	TCF12-NR4A3 (<i>TCF12, bHLH TF</i>)
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	t(3;9) (q12;q31)	TFG-NR4A3 (<i>TFG, TRK-Fused Gene</i>)
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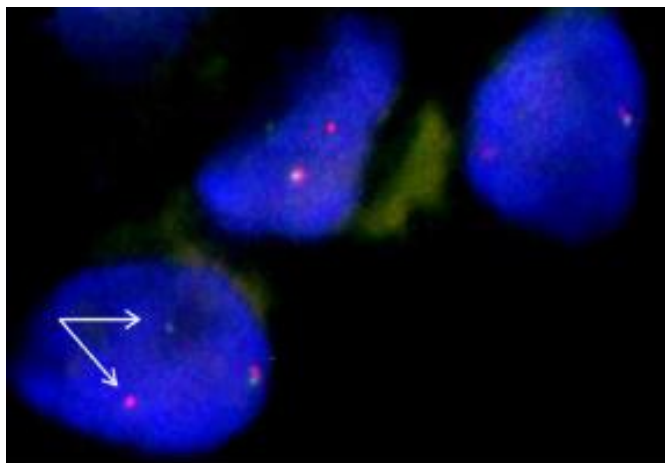
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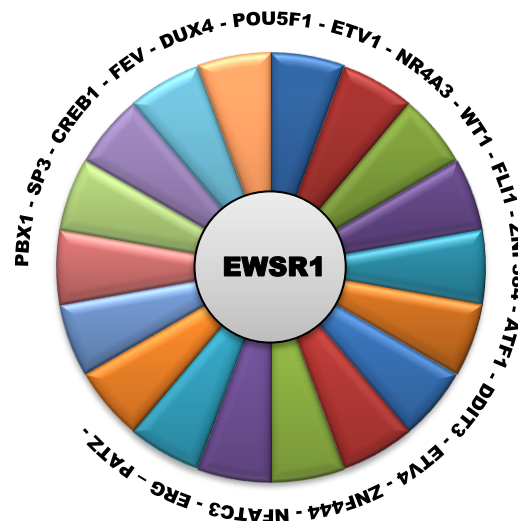
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NR4A3 break apart



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Differential diagnosis

Myoepithelial neoplasms

Myxoid liposarcoma

Low-grade myxofibroma

Ossifying fibromyxoid tumor (OFMT)

High-grade (hypercellular) EMCS

Myoepithelial carcinoma

Malignant melanoma

Metastatic carcinoma

Proximal-type epithelioid sarcoma

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NR4A3/NOR1/CHN

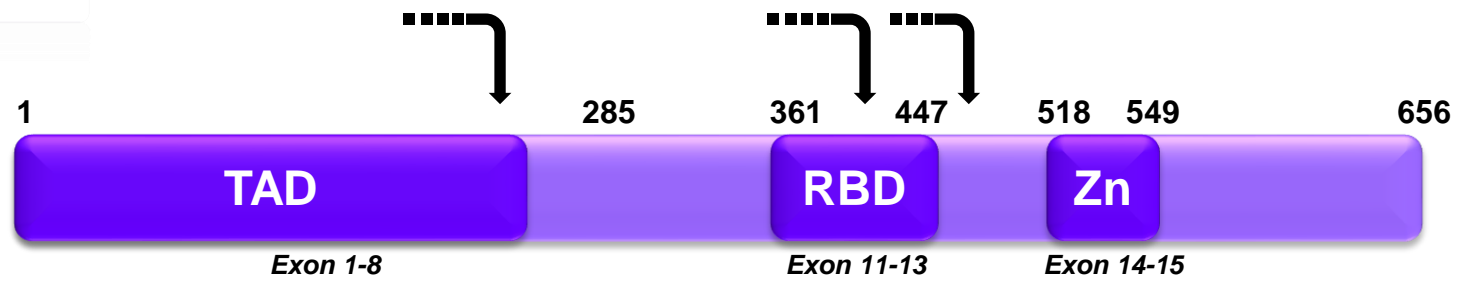
Transcription factor of the orphan nuclear hormone receptor family (steroid steroid-thyroid hormone-retinoid receptor superfamily).



EWSR1 and TAF15

RNA binding proteins involved in RNA processing, gene expression, cell signaling, alternative splicing, DNA damage response.

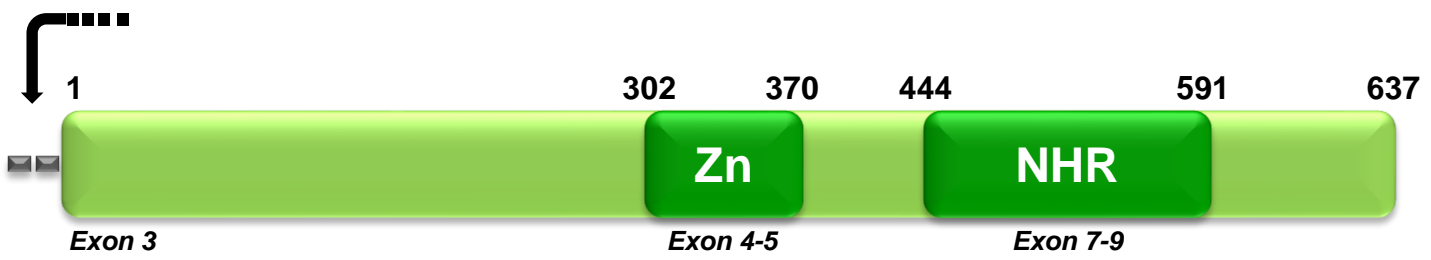
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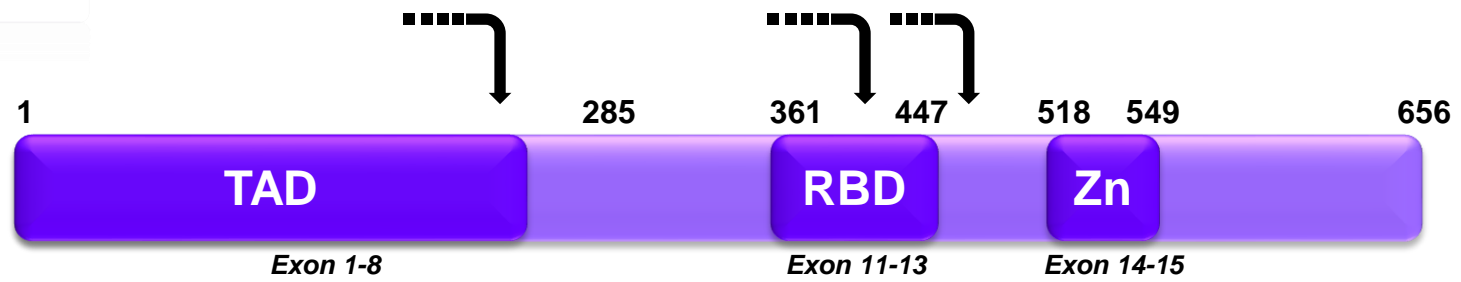
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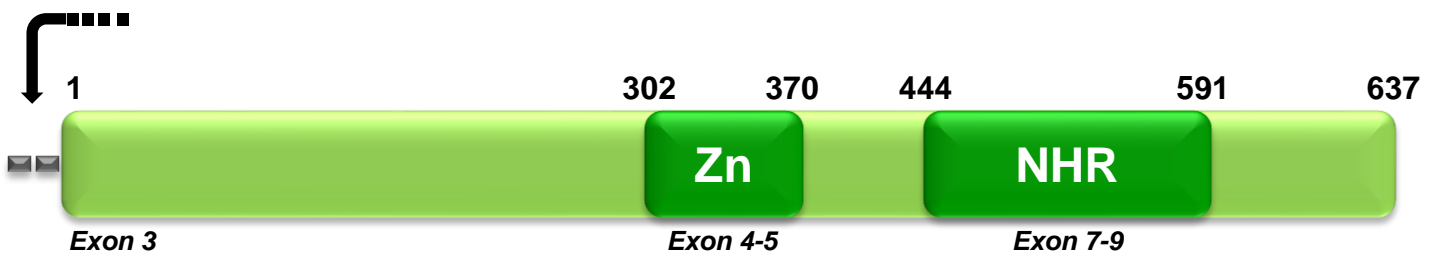
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EMCS chimera



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Treatment

Standard treatment: radical local excision (negative margins) \pm RT

High incidence of local recurrences (35-50%) and distant metastases (25-50%), even >15y after diagnosis

Overall survival: ~90% @ 5y; ~ 70% @ 10y; ~ 60% @ 15y

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Chemotherapy

Study	Regimen	CR	PR	SD	PD	Disease control rate
Patel et al., 1995	Doxorubicin ± Dacarbazine and Cyclophosphamide			13	9	59% (13/22)
McGrory et al., 2001	Multi-agent	1	1		4	33% (2/6)
Drillon et al., 2008	Different regimens, mostly anthracycline-based			21	11	66% (21/32)
Ogura et al., 2012	Ifosfamide-based			1	3	25% (1/4)
Stacchiotti et al., 2013	Epirubicin ± Ifosfamide		4	3	3	70% (7/10)

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Unresectable Extraskkeletal Myxoid Chondrosarcoma of the Neck: Early Tumor Response to Chemoradiotherapy

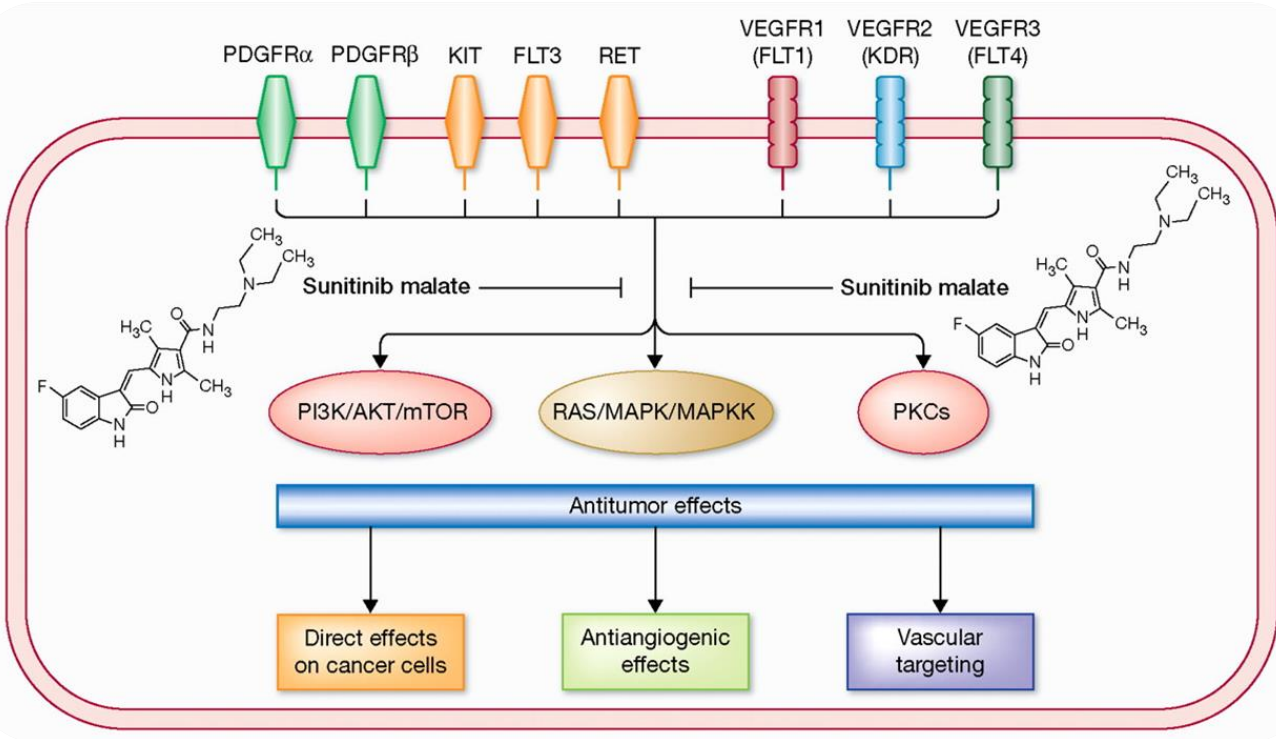
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Abstract

Extraskkeletal myxoid chondrosarcoma (EMC) rarely occurs in the head and neck and is generally managed with primary surgery. To our knowledge, no cases of unresectable EMC of the neck have been reported. We present a case of an unresectable EMC treated with chemotherapy and radiation, and highlight the exceptional early response to therapy.

Extraskkeletal myxoid chondrosarcoma

Sunitinib



Target	IC ₅₀ (nM)	
	Sunitinib	Pazopanib
VEGFR-1	2	10
VEGFR-2	10	30
VEGFR-3	17	47
PDGFR-β	8	84
EGFR	880	—
c-KIT	10	74
FGF-1R	880	14
FLT-3	14	—
CSF-1R	100	—
Raf-1	—	—

Multicenter Phase II Trial of Sunitinib in the Treatment of Nongastrointestinal Stromal Tumor Sarcomas

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Purpose

To evaluate the potential benefit of continuous daily dosing sunitinib in patients with advanced nongastrointestinal stromal tumor (GIST) sarcomas.

Patients and Methods

A total of 53 patients with advanced non-GIST soft tissue sarcomas received sunitinib 37.5 mg daily. Primary end point was Response Evaluation Criteria in Solid Tumors defined response. Secondary end points were stable disease at 16 and 24 weeks. [^{18}F]-fluorodeoxyglucose positron emission tomography was performed on a subset of 24 patients at baseline and after 10 to 14 days of therapy.

Results

Forty-eight patients were eligible for response. One patient (desmoplastic round cell tumor [DSRCT]) achieved a confirmed partial response (PR) and remained on study for 56 weeks. Ten patients (20%) achieved stable disease for at least 16 weeks. Metabolic PR was seen in 10 (47%) of 21 of patients. Metabolic stable disease was seen in 11 (52%) of 21. There were no unexpected toxicities observed.

Conclusion

Sunitinib demonstrated notable evidence of metabolic response in several patients with non-GIST sarcoma. The relevance of disease control observed in subtypes with an indolent natural history is unknown, however, the durable disease control observed in DSRCT, solitary fibrous tumor, and giant cell tumor of bone suggests that future evaluation of sunitinib in these subtypes may be warranted.

Sunitinib activity in Soft Tissue Sarcomas

Study	Sarcoma subtype	Best response
Stacchiotti et al., 2011	Alveolar soft part sarcoma	5 PR, 3 SD, 1 PD
Stacchiotti et al., 2012	Solitary Fibrous Tumor	2 PR, 16 SD, 13 PD
Levard et al., 2013	Solitary Fibrous Tumor	3 SD, 1 PD with Sunitinib (2 SD, 4 PD with Pazopanib)
Italiano et al., 2013	Desmoplastic round cell tumor	2 PR, 3 SD, 3 PD



CASE REPORT

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Extraskelatal myxoid chondrosarcoma: tumor response to sunitinib

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Abstract

Background: Extraskelatal myxoid chondrosarcoma (EMCS) is a rare soft tissue sarcoma of uncertain differentiation, characterized in most cases by a translocation that results in the fusion protein *EWSR1-CHN* (the latter even called *NR4A3* or *TEC*). EMCS is marked by >40% incidence of metastases in spite of its indolent behaviour. It is generally resistant to conventional chemotherapy, and, to the best of our knowledge, no data have been reported to date about the activity of tirosin-kinase inhibitor (TKI) in this tumor. We report on two consecutive patients carrying an advanced EMCS treated with sunitinib.

Methods: Since July 2011, 2 patients with progressive pretreated metastatic EMCS (Patient1: woman, 58 years, PS1; Patient2: man, 63 years, PS1) have been treated with continuous SM 37.5 mg/day, on an individual use basis. Both patients are evaluable for response. In both cases diagnosis was confirmed by the presence of the typical *EWSR1-CHN* translocation.

Results: Both patients are still on treatment (11 and 8 months). Patient 1 got a RECIST response after 4 months from starting sunitinib, together with a complete response by PET. An interval progression was observed after stopping sunitinib for toxicity (abscess around previous femoral fixation), but response was restored after restarting sunitinib. Patient 2 had an initial tumor disease stabilization detected by CT scan at 3 months. Sunitinib was increased to 50 mg/day, with evidence of a dimensional response 3 months later.

Conclusions: Sunitinib showed antitumor activity in 2 patients with advanced EMCS. Further studies are needed to confirm these preliminary results.

Keywords: Sarcoma, Myxoid extraskelatal chondrosarcoma, Sunitinib malate, Targeted therapy, Chemotherapy

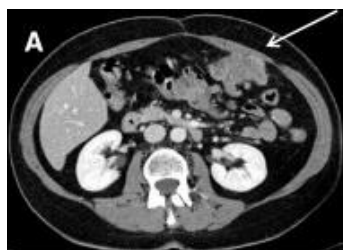
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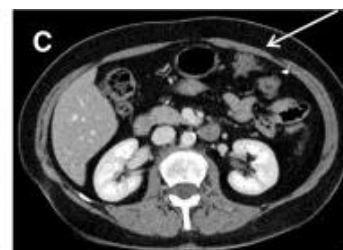
+ 1 mos



Baseline



+ 1 mos



+ 4 mos

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SUNITINIB IN EMCS

Named-use program

(INT Milano, July 2011-December 2015)

11 pts with progressive advanced EMCS

(37.5 mg/day ; 50 mg/day in the case of primary progression and acceptable toxicity)

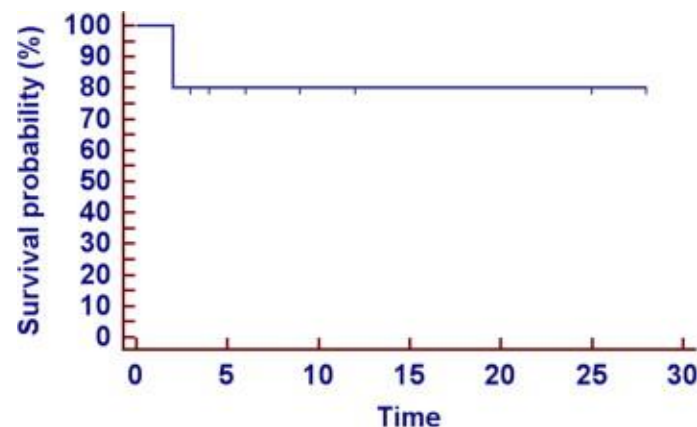
Best RECIST reponse:

6 PR, 3 SD, 2 PD

6 pts stopped treatment : 3 toxicity, 3 PD (2 prim., 1 sec.)

5 pts still on therapy (range 1-54+ mos)

Median FU 32 mos: median PFS 34 mos,
 median OS not reached



(Update of Stacchiotti et al., 2104)

Trial of Pazopanib in Patients With Solitary Fibrous Tumor and Extraskkeletal Myxoid Chondrosarcoma

GEIS (Grupo Espanol de Investigacion en Sarcomas)

ClinicalTrials.gov Identifier: NCT02066285

February 14, 2014

Phase II, open-label, non-randomized, international multicenter clinical trial with two strata (SFT and EMC).

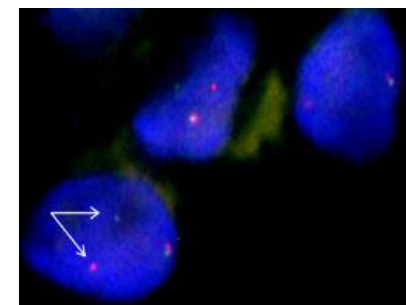
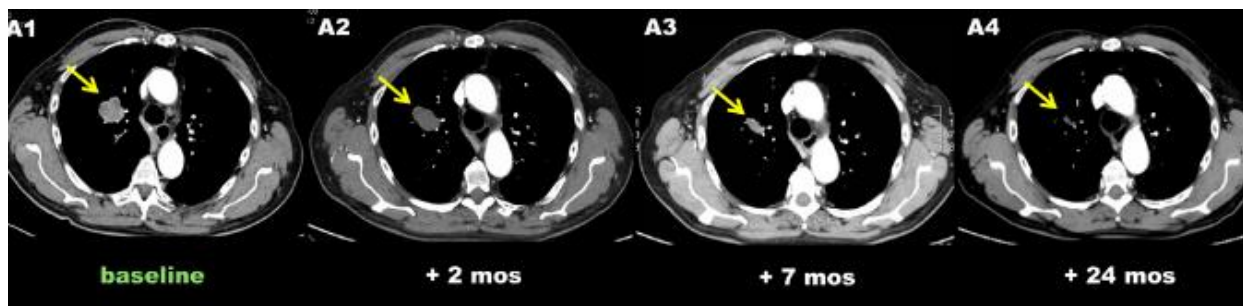
8 sites in Spain, 5 sites in Italy and 5 sites in France.

Patients will receive oral pazopanib at 800 mg once daily continuously. Patients will continue to receive treatment until there is evidence of progressive disease, unacceptable toxicity, non-compliance, withdrawn consent or investigator decision.

The main goal is to determine the objective response rate (ORR) (confirmed complete response [CR] and partial response [PR]) in patients with unresectable, locally advanced or metastatic solitary fibrous tumor and extraskkeletal myxoid chondrosarcoma, using Choi and RECIST 1.1 criteria respectively.

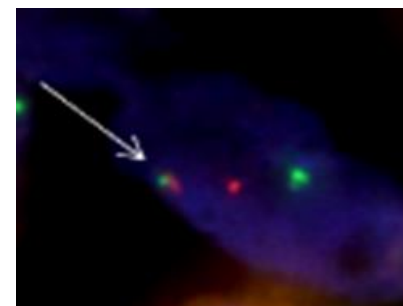
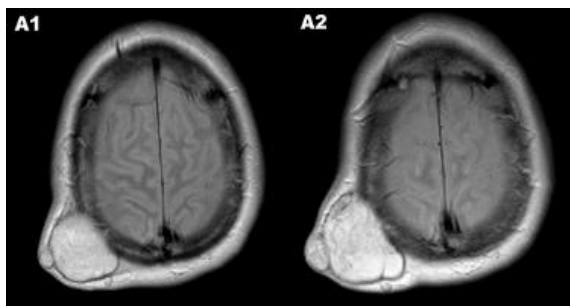
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Responders (8 cases)



EWS1R-NR4A3

Non responders (2 cases)



TAF15-NR4A3

Extraskelletal myxoid chondrosarcoma

Mechanism of action of sunitinib in EMCS

Does the fusion protein play any role in the response?

**Does sunitinib efficacy in EMCS relies
just on an anti-angiogenetic effect
or it targets also EMCS tumor cells?**

What are the key mediators of EMCS sensitivity to sunitinib?

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TAF15
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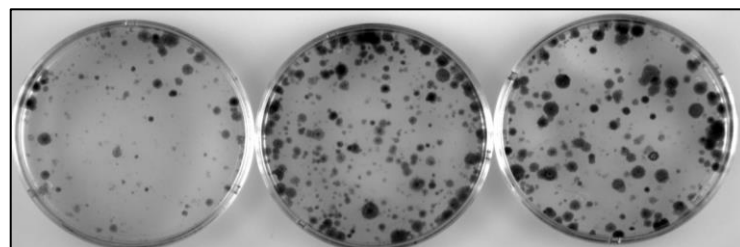
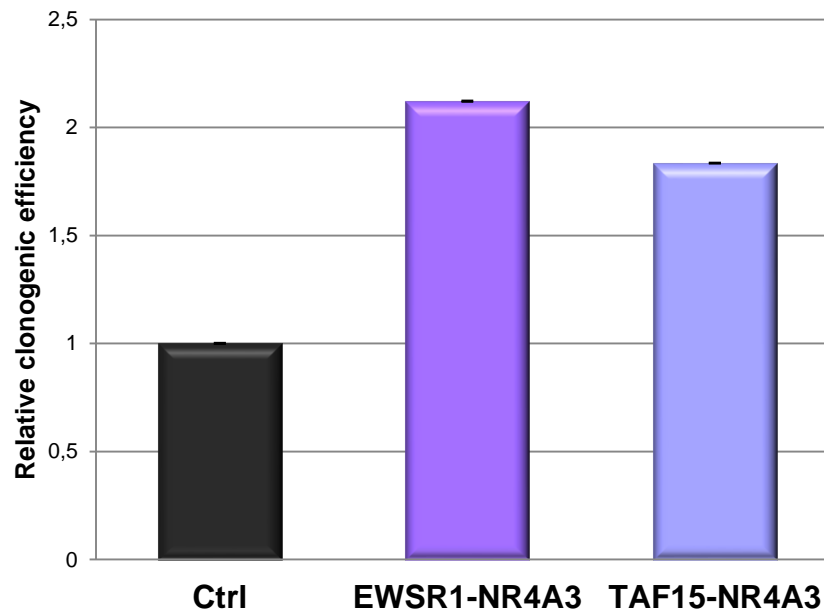
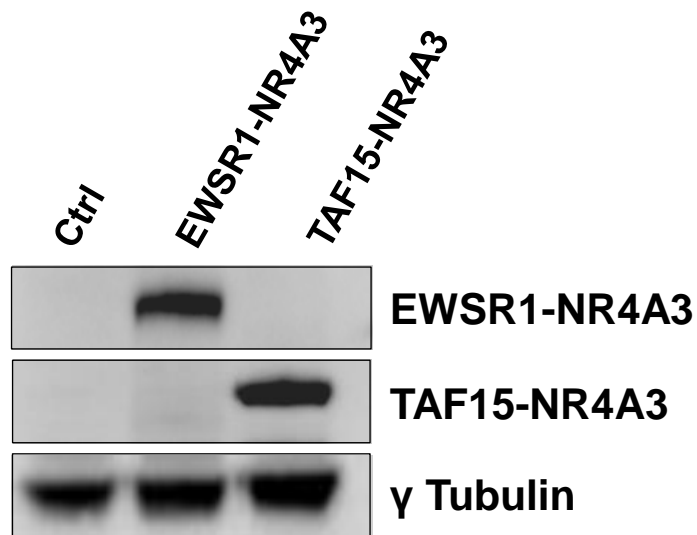
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EMCS chimeras



Cell modeling of EMCS (*EWSR1-NR4A3* and *TAF15-NR4A3* engineered cell lines)



Two different cell backgrounds:

HT-1080

BJ E1A/Ras transformed human primary fibroblasts